

High Demand Jobs in Health Services

Occupational Title	Employment		Total Openings	Median Wage
	2002	2012		
Registered Nurses	9,858	12,449	4,654	\$25.79
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, & Attendants	6,396	7,819	2,261	\$11.43
Home Health Aides	2,523	3,517	1,325	\$10.77
Medical Assistants	1,423	2,137	977	\$10.91
Social & Human Service Assistants	867	1,416	702	\$11.62
Medical Secretaries	2,501	2,700	678	\$14.35
Dental Assistants	1,074	1,388	614	\$15.80
Licensed Practical & Vocational Nurses	1,590	1,820	578	\$19.88
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	1,267	1,573	572	\$9.35
Personal & Home Care Aides	1,005	1,384	540	\$11.33
Receptionists & Information Clerks	934	1,121	416	\$11.10
Medical & Health Services Managers	757	979	370	\$35.57
Radiologic Technologists & Technicians	852	1,023	330	\$22.92
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	746	870	325	\$25.06
Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	576	809	315	\$14.19
Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	1,121	1,225	314	\$14.99
Child, Family, & School Social Workers	527	747	310	\$19.25
Food Preparation Workers	667	732	301	\$8.54
Physical Therapists	675	899	290	\$29.10
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers	448	603	232	\$15.83
Mental Health Counselors	492	611	231	\$14.02
Secretaries, Except Legal/Medical/Executive	1,135	1,114	231	\$13.61
Interviewers, Except Eligibility & Loan	420	533	221	\$13.18
Substance Abuse & Behavior Disorder Counselors	431	545	212	\$13.38
Dental Hygienists	547	708	208	\$25.98
Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	467	590	205	\$17.96
Supervisors of Office Support Workers	561	619	178	\$20.58
Food Servers, Nonrestaurant	386	432	175	\$8.24
Janitors & Cleaners	489	570	174	\$10.37
Office Clerks, General	562	605	172	\$11.29

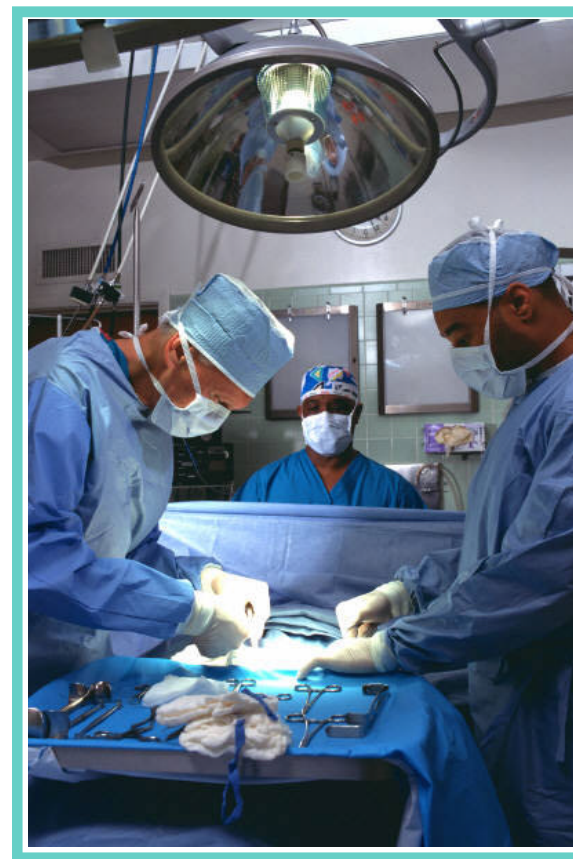
Wage Rate reflects the median wage paid by RI employers classified in the Health Care and Social Assistance services industry during November 2003.

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Rhode Island employment (including self employed and unpaid family workers) is expected to increase by over 58,000 jobs during the 2002-2012 projection period. Employment in 2012 is projected to reach 563,909; an increase of 58,348 (11.5%) from the 2002 employment level of 505,561.

Health Care has long been one of Rhode Island's fastest growing industries. This growth is attributed to a number of factors including an aging population, medical advances and new technologies.

During the 2002 to 2012 projection period, nearly one-quarter of the new jobs that are expected to be created in Rhode Island are predicted to be in Health Care. Employment in Health Care is projected to reach 74,200, an increase of 13,751 (22.7%) from the 2002 level of 60,449 and nearly twice the growth rate expected for all industries in our state. Within the Health Care sector, Ambulatory Health Care, Hospitals and Nursing & Residential Care Facilities are all expected to grow at above average rates.

Ambulatory Health Care Services include Outpatient Care Centers, Medical and Diagnostic Laboratories,

Home Health Care Services, Ambulance Services and offices of Physicians, Dentists, and other Health Practitioners. This Health Care segment is projected to grow by 26.6 percent adding over 5,200 jobs. This represents 9.0 percent of the total job growth projected for all industries and 38.1 percent of job growth in Health Care.

Hospital employment, including private and state employment, is expected to increase by nearly 3,500 jobs, a growth rate of 14.6 percent. Employment in the Nursing and Residential Care Facilities segment is expected to grow by 29.4 percent adding over 5,000 jobs during the projection period. Included in this segment are Nursing Homes, Residential Mental Retardation Facilities, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Facilities, Community Care Facilities for the Elderly and Assisted Living Facilities.

Twenty-seven percent of the workers in Health Services are employed as Registered Nurses or Nursing Aides, Orderlies and Attendants. It is projected that job growth among these two occupations will account for twenty-nine percent of the new jobs that are expected in Health Services.

Health Care's Fast Growing Jobs

Social and Human Service Assistants

Medical Assistants

Child Care Workers

Physician Assistants

Waiters and Waitresses

Child, Family, and School Social Workers

Medical Records & Health Information Technician

Home Health Aides

Physical Therapist Assistants

Occupational Therapists

A substantial number of job openings will also be available for those interested in working as Home Health Aides, Medical Assistants, and Social & Human Services Assistants. (See table on back.)

Job openings result from two major factors: the need to replace workers who leave an occupation because of a job change, retirement, or death, and the need to fill vacancies created by economic expansion. It is projected that during the 2002–2012 projection period, employers classified in the Health Services industry group will need to find workers to fill more than 25,000 job openings. Fifty-four percent (13,751) of the job openings are attributed to economic growth the other 46 percent (11,706) are due to employee turnover. Rhode Island's Health Services industry will seek to fill nearly 2,550 positions each year, 71 percent are from the occupations listed on the following table: (See back of brochure).

Rhode Island 2012 Projections

Employment in Health Care Services

	2002	2012	Numeric Change	2003 Average Annual Wage
Total	60,449	74,200	13,751	\$33,886
Ambulatory Health Care Services	19,667	24,900	5,233	\$42,332
Hospitals	23,552	27,000	3,448	\$40,205
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	17,230	22,300	5,070	\$24,060